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1. DEPT FULLY CONCURS THAT VAGNI ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED PARA 4 BUJUMBURA 365 MUST NOT RPT NOT BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR GOZ CONSENT TO USE OF VAGNI AS INTERMEDIARY. BELIEVE EVEN LOW-PROFILE INITIAL INQUIRIES WITHOUT SUCH CONSENT COULD COMPROMISE BOTH VAGNI'S FUTURE UTILITY AND OUR ABILITY ENLIST GOZ COOPERATION. WE HOPEFUL, OF COURSE, HAVE GREEN LIGHT AS RESULT DEVLIN MEETING WITH MOBUTU. CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THIS CONNECTION, DOES EMBASSY KINSHASA EXPECT TO HAVE

REPORT OF DEVLIN MISSION IN TIME ADVISE BUJUMBURA BEFORE 1200 ZULU JUNE 1? IF NOT, WE WOULD HOPE VAGNI WOULD BE PREPARED TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE.

- 2. RE REPORT DAR 1824 THAT GOT OFFICIAL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WE ALREADY HAVE GOZ AGREEMENT TO INTERMEDIARY SCENARIO, EMBASSY DAR SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH AGREEMENT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED. TO FORESTALL POSSIBLY DAMAGING FEEDBACK TO GOZ, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CLARIFY THIS POINT ASAP WITH MUGANDA OR OTHER AVAILABLE OFFICIAL, INDICATING THAT WE ARE IN PROCESS OF SEEKING SUCH PERMISSION.
- 3. VAGNI SCENARIO OUTLINED BUJUMBURA 365 SEEMS AT ODDS WITH SCENARIO DISCUSSED STATE 126649 AND 125823. EMBASSY BUJUMBURA/MACFARLANE/LOVING PLEASE CLARIFY. IT HAS BEEN DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT VAGNI WOULD ATTEMPT TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS.
- 4. WE NOTE EMBASSY DAR'S PRUDENT CAUTION IN CONVERSATION WITH ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL ILANGWA-E-YOKA REPORTED DAR 1823. IN FUTURE CONTACTS IN BUJUMBURA AND KIGOMA,

 TO WHAT EXTENT DOES EMBASSY KINSHASA RECOMMEND ILANGWA BE APPRIZED OF PROPOSED VAGNI SCENARIO AND OUR EFFORT OBTAIN GOZ CONSENT TO IT? MORE GENERALLY, HOW FULLY DOES EMBASSY THINK WE SHOULD SHARE WITH ILANGWA

WHAT WE PROPOSE TO GOZ IN KINSHASA?

5. CONCUR IN MACFARLANE/STEINER CONTACTS PROPOSED BUJUMBURA 366 AS LONG AS THEY ARE RESTRICTED, AS PROPOSED, TO DEVELOPING INFORMATION RE KABILA GROUP'S WHEREABOUTS AND HOW IT MIGHT BE CONTACTED RATHER THAN STIMULATING DIRECT CONTACTS WITH GROUP AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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